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Satellite Radio has changed the way I am informed about the world. Before I had satellite radio I had to listen through hundred of commercials before I could get the news or traffic for my area. Now it is there when I need it. In my daily travels I find that my local FM and AM stations simply dont have a strong enough signal to be a viable means of delivering my radio needs to me. For instance I live in the greater Los Angeles area if I were to listen to KROQ (106.7) and drive down my street I would lose signal. With XM this is not a problem. I dont know how many times I have tried to get traffic or the stock market report and I listen to advertisement after advertisement about male erectile disfunction and viagra when I have my grandmother in the car. I understand local stations have to have sponsors to pay for broadcasting and being in business. If FM and AM can broadcast commercials about viagra under their first amendment privilage shouldnt XM and other satellite radio services be able to bring us the news? America if a free enterprise TV, FM and AM succeed or fail based on thier programming they provide and the amount sponsors wish to pay for advertising. XM should succeed whether or not people wish to subscribe based on their programming. It should not be forced to provide or not to provide services By Federal or local goverments. I belive this would be pure sensorship and violation of the first ammendment. This would be the same as saying internet services can not provide weather or traffic. If your were to sensor Satellite radio would you also sensor internet phones and wireless internet service or even satellite internet service from the same services?